

have been clarified. This amendment is supported by the paragraph on page 15 of the application.

Claim 20 has been amended to more particularly claim the present invention. The required surface area to volume ratio has been clarified. This amendment is supported by the second paragraph on page 9 of the application.

Claims 21-25 have been canceled.

Claim 26-31 have been added. New claim 26 is a combination of previously amended claim 1 and use of the mobile grinding assembly. New claims dependent from new claim 26 are claim 27 based upon claim 5, claim 28 based upon claim 6, claim 29 based upon claim 8, and claim 30 based upon claim 9. New claim 31 is a combination of previously amended claim 1 and use of the enzymatic digest mixing assembly, the digesting and emulsification assembly, and the drying system.

A marked-up version of the new and amended claims is enclosed. No new matter has been added by virtue of these amendments and consideration of these amended claims is respectfully requested. Applicant respectfully contends that no further search is required; the amendments to the claims have not altered the composition of any of the starting compositions or intermediate compositions of the process as originally disclosed.

Objections

The Examiner objected to the disclosure and claims 3, 4, 9, 17, and 22-25. The disclosure and claims have been amended and marked-up copies are attached. No new matter has been added by virtue of these amendments. It is believed that the amendments render the objections moot.

35 U.S.C. § 112

All pending claims were rejected as indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112. It is believed that the new and amended claims satisfy all paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 112.

With respect to the phrases "enzymatic digest medium" applicant respectfully asserts that claim 1 as previously amended definitively defined the enzymatic digest medium as comprising enzymes, protein, fat, and water and pH adjusted. Applicant has now amended claim 1 to define "enzymatic digest medium" as prepared by mixing protein, fat, and water with a enzymatic digest mixing assembly and pH adjustment. Applicant respectfully asserts the right to be his own lexicographer.

With respect to the phrase "waste", Applicant believes that the previous version of claim 1 sufficiently differentiated "fluid waste" of the enzymatic digest medium from "protein waste" that is ground. These terms have been further differentiated in amended claim 1 as either liquid or solid. It is believed that this amendment clarifies these two elements.

With respect to the phrase "recirculation", Applicant respectfully asserts that the Examiner has misconstrued the common meaning of this term. The term "recirculation" does not define a second circulation but instead defines repeated circulation encompassing any number of circulations. A sampling of uses of the term "recirculation" is attached as evidence of the common meaning of this term.

With respect to the phrase "one preservative", Applicant respectfully asserts that the phrase "preservative" has meaning by itself independent of the item to be preserved. A dictionary definition of "preservative" is attached as evidence of the common meaning of this term.

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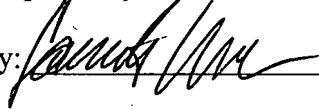
With respect to the phrases "heat zone", "cool zone" and "alternating airflow", it is believed that these terms are sufficiently defined in the specification lines 14-23 on page 15 of the application. Applicant further asserts that due to the amendment to claim 8, the phrases are more than sufficiently clear in the claim itself.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests these claims and the application as a whole be reconsidered and suggests that the application is now in condition for allowance.

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- The reintroduction of part of the flowing fluid to repeat the cycle of circulation.
www.cleaver-brooks.com/GlossRW.html
- recycling of pollutants over an area or within an airshed in response to reversal in winds
www.deh.gov.au/soe/2001/atmosphere/glossary.html
- Recycling water after it is used. Often it has to pass a wastewater purification system before it can be reused.
www.1st-water-filters.com/water-filtration-glossary.html
- CIP cleaning process, or part of a CIP cleaning process, in which the cleaning solution or rinse water passes through the CIP control unit, spray devices, and equipment multiple times. Typically used for the cleaning cycle of a CIP process.
www.cleaningvalidation.com/Glossary.htm
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wordnet.princeton.edu/perl/webwn

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Dictionary



pre-ser·va·tive (prĭ-zŭr'və-tĭv) 

adj.

Tending to preserve or capable of preserving.

n.

Something used to preserve, especially a chemical added to foods to inhibit spoilage.